



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION III  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

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Re: Required Submission Of Information  
Chillum PERC Site, Hyattsville, Maryland

Dear [REDACTED]

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is seeking information concerning a release, or the threat of release, of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants into the environment at the Chillum PERC Site (hereinafter the "Site" or the "Facility").

EPA is investigating contamination at the Site from perchloroethylene. An extent of contamination study is currently being conducted at the gas station at Eastern Avenue and Riggs Road by the current property owners or operators due to a leaking underground storage tank. The study shows levels of perchloroethylene which are not normally associated with gasoline spills. EPA personnel visited your facility on June 7, 2002 and inquired about your facility and its operations.

Pursuant to the authority of Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e), EPA has the authority to require you to furnish all information and documents in your possession, custody or control, or in the possession, custody or control of any of your employees or agents, which concern, refer, or relate to hazardous substances as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(14), and pollutants and/or contaminants as defined by Section 101(33), 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(33), which were transported to, stored, treated, or disposed of at the above-referenced Facility.

Section 104 of CERCLA authorizes EPA to pursue penalties for failure to comply with that section or for failure to respond adequately to required submissions of information. In addition, providing false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001. The information you provide may be used by EPA in administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings.

Instructions for responding to this required submission of information are provided below.

*Customer Service Hotline: 1-800-438-2474*

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. You are entitled to assert a claim of business confidentiality covering any part or all of the information you submit. If you desire to assert a claim of business confidentiality, please see Enclosure 1, *Business Confidentiality Claims/ Disclosure To EPA Contractors & Grantees Of Your Response*. You must clearly mark such information by either stamping or using any other form of notice that such information is trade secret, proprietary, or company confidential. To best ensure that your intent is clear, we recommend that you mark as confidential each page containing such claimed information.
2. Please provide a separate, detailed narrative response to each question, and to each subpart of a question, set forth in this Information Request. If you fail to provide a detailed response, EPA may deem your response to be insufficient and thus a failure to comply with this Information Request, which may subject you to penalties.
3. Precede each response with the number of the question or subpart of the question to which it corresponds. For each document or group of documents produced in response to this Information Request, indicate by the number of the specific question(s) or subpart of the question(s) to which it responds.
4. Should you find at any time after submission of your response that any portion of the submitted information is false, misrepresents the truth or is incomplete, you must notify EPA of this fact and provide EPA with a corrected written response.
5. Any terms that are used in this Information Request and/or its Enclosures, that are defined in CERCLA shall have the meaning set forth in CERCLA. Definitions of several such terms are set forth in Enclosure 2, *Definitions*, for your convenience. Also, several additional terms not defined in CERCLA are defined in Enclosure 2. Those terms shall have the meaning set forth in Enclosure 2 any time such terms are used in this Information Request and/or its Enclosures.

## QUESTIONS

1. If you have any information about other parties who may have information which may assist the Agency in its investigation of the Site or who may be responsible for the generation of, transportation to, or release of contamination at the Site, please provide such information. The information you provide in response to this request should include the party's name, address, type of business, and the reasons why you believe the party may have contributed to the contamination at the Site or may have information regarding the Site.

2. When and under what terms/agreements did your company acquire the property?
3. Identify all persons having knowledge or information about the generation, transportation, treatment, disposal or other handling of hazardous substances by you, your contractors, or by prior owners and/operators.
4. Did you ever use, purchase, store, treat, dispose, transport or otherwise handle any hazardous substances or materials? If the answer to the preceding question is anything but an unqualified "no", identify:
  - a) The chemical composition, characteristics, physical state(e.g., solid, liquid) of each hazardous substances;
  - b) Who supplied you with such hazardous substances;
  - c) How such hazardous substances were used, purchased, generated, stored, treated, transported, disposed or otherwise handled by you;
  - d) When such hazardous substances were used, purchased, generated, stored, treated, transported, disposed or otherwise handled by you;
  - e) Where such hazardous substances were used, purchased, generated, stored, treated, transported, disposed or otherwise handled by you;
  - f) The quantity of such hazardous substances used, purchased, generated, stored, treated, transported, disposed or otherwise handled by you;
5. Describe how hazardous waste was secured to prevent improper disposal of drums or wastes; and
6. Provide the identities of all predecessors in interest who transported to or stored, treated, generated or disposed of any materials at the Site. Describe in detail the nature of your predecessor in interest's business.

You must respond in writing to this required submission of information within fourteen calendar days of your receipt of this letter. For a corporation, the response must be signed by an appropriately authorized corporate official. For all other entities, the response must be signed by an authorized official of that entity.

If, for any reason, you do not provide all information responsive to this letter, then in your answer to EPA you must: (1) describe specifically what was not provided, and (2) provide to EPA an appropriate reason why the information was not provided.

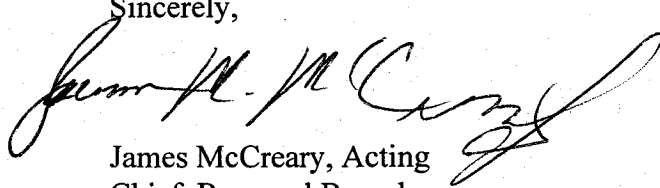
All documents and information should be sent to:

Michael Welsh (3HS32)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

This required submission of information is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. Section 3501, et seq.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (215) 814-3243 or have your attorney contact Gail Wilson at (215) 814-2493.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James H. McCreary", written in a cursive style.

James McCreary, Acting  
Chief, Removal Branch

Enclosures:

cc: Gail Wilson (3RC42)  
Marcos Aquino (3HS31)  
Larry Richardson (3HS32)

## Enclosure 1

### **Business Confidentiality Claims**

You are entitled to assert a claim of business confidentiality covering any part or all of the submitted information, in the manner described in 40 C.F.R. Section 2.203(b). Information subject to a claim of business confidentiality will be made available to the public only in accordance with the procedures set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. If a claim of business confidentiality is not asserted when the information is submitted to EPA, EPA may make this information available to the public without further notice to you. You must clearly mark such claimed information by either stamping or using any other such form of notice that such information is a trade secret, proprietary, or company confidential. To best ensure that your intent is clear, we recommend that you mark as confidential each page containing such claimed information.

### **Disclosure Of Your Response to EPA Contractors and Grantees**

EPA may contract with one or more independent contracting firms (See Enclosure 3) to review the documentation, including documents which you claim are confidential business information ("CBI"), which you submit in response to this information request, depending on available agency resources. Additionally, EPA may provide access to this information to (an) individual(s) working under (a) cooperative agreement(s) under the Senior Environmental Employment Program (SEE Enrollees). The SEE program was authorized by the Environmental Programs Assistance Act of 1984 (Pub. L. 98-313). The contractor(s) and/or SEE Enrollee(s) will be filing, organizing, analyzing and/or summarizing the information for EPA personnel. The contractors have signed a contract with EPA that contains a confidentiality clause with respect to CBI that they handle for EPA. The SEE Enrollee(s) is working under a cooperative agreement that contains a provision concerning the treatment and safeguarding of CBI. The individual SEE enrollee has also signed a confidentiality agreement regarding treatment of CBI. Pursuant to CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e)(7) and EPA's regulations at 40 C.F.R. Section 2.310(h), EPA may share such CBI with EPA's authorized representatives which include contractors and cooperators under the Environmental Programs Assistance Act of 1984. (See 58 Fed.Reg. 7187 (1993)). If you have any objection to disclosure by EPA of documents which you claim are CBI to any or all of the entities listed in Enclosure 3, you must notify EPA in writing at the time you submit such documents.

## Enclosure 2

### Definitions

1. The term "arrangement" shall mean every separate contract or other agreement or understanding between two or more persons, whether written or oral.
2. The term "documents" shall mean writings, photographs, sound or magnetic records, drawings, or other similar things by which information has been preserved and also includes information preserved in a form which must be translated or deciphered by machine in order to be intelligible to humans. Examples of documents include, but are not limited to, electronic mail and other forms of computer communication, drafts, correspondence, memoranda, notes, diaries, statistics, letters, telegrams, minutes, contracts, reports, studies, checks, statements, receipts, summaries, pamphlets, books, invoices, checks, bills of lading, weight receipts, toll receipts, offers, contracts, agreements, deeds, leases, manifests, licenses, permits, bids, proposals, policies of insurance, logs, interoffice and intra-office communications, notations of any conversations (including, without limitation, telephone calls, meetings, and other communications such as e-mail), bulletins, printed matter, computer printouts, invoices, worksheets, graphic or oral records or representations of any kind (including, without limitation, charts, graphs, microfiche, microfilm, videotapes, recordings and motion pictures), electronic, mechanical, magnetic or electric records or representations of any kind (including, without limitation, tapes, cassettes, discs, recordings and computer memories), minutes of meetings, memoranda, notes, calendar or daily entries, agendas, notices, announcements, maps, manuals, brochures, reports of scientific study or investigation, schedules, price lists, data, sample analyses, and laboratory reports.
3. The term "hazardous substance" means (a) any substance designated pursuant to section 1321(b)(2)(A) of Title 33 [of the U.S. Code], (b) any element, compound, mixture, solution, or substance designated pursuant to section 9602 of [CERCLA], (c) any hazardous waste having the characteristics identified under or listed pursuant to section 3001 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. Section 6921) (but not including any waste the regulation of which under the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. Section 6901 et seq.) has been suspended by Act of Congress), (d) any toxic pollutant listed under section 1317(a) of Title 33, (e) any hazardous air pollutant listed under section 112 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7412), and (f) any imminently hazardous chemical substance or mixture with respect to which the Administrator has taken action pursuant to section 2606 of Title 15 [of the U.S. Code]. The term does not include petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction thereof which is not otherwise specifically listed or designated as a hazardous substance under subparagraphs (a) through (f) of this paragraph, and the term does not include natural gas, natural gas liquids, liquefied natural gas, or synthetic gas usable for fuel (or mixtures of natural gas and such synthetic gas).
4. The term "pollutant or contaminant" shall include, but not be limited to, any element, substance, compound, or mixture, including disease-causing agents, which after release into the environment and upon exposure, ingestion, inhalation, or assimilation into any organism, either directly from the environment or indirectly by ingestion through food chains, will or may reasonably be anticipated to cause death, disease, behavioral

abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutation, physiological malfunctions (including malfunctions in reproduction) or physical deformations in such organisms or their offspring, except that the term "pollutant or contaminant" shall not include petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction thereof which is not otherwise specifically listed or designated as a hazardous substance under CERCLA, and shall not include natural gas, liquefied natural gas, or synthetic gas of pipeline quality (or mixtures of natural gas and such synthetic gas).

5. The term "release" means any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, or disposing into the environment (including the abandonment or discarding of barrels, containers, and other closed receptacles containing any hazardous substance or pollutant or contaminant), but excludes (a) any release which results in exposure to persons solely within a workplace, with respect to a claim which such persons may assert against the employer of such persons, (b) emissions from the engine exhaust of a motor vehicle, rolling stock, aircraft, vessel, or pipeline pumping station engine, (c) release of source, byproduct, or special nuclear material from a nuclear incident, as those terms are defined in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. Section 2011 et seq.), if such release is subject to requirements with respect to financial protection established by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission under section 170 of such Act (42 U.S.C. Section 2210), or, for the purposes of section 9604 of [CERCLA] or any other response action, any release of source byproduct, or special nuclear material from any processing site designated under sections 7912(a)(1) or 7942(a) of [CERCLA], and (d) the normal application of fertilizer.
6. The term "waste" or "wastes" shall mean and include any discarded materials including, but not limited to, trash, garbage, refuse, by-products, solid waste, hazardous waste, hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, and discarded or spilled chemicals, whether solid, liquid, or sludge.
7. The term "you" when referring to an incorporated entity shall mean and include the incorporated entity and its agents and representatives, including, but not limited to, persons directly authorized to transact business on the entity's behalf such as officers, directors, or partners with which the entity is affiliated, employees, accountants, engineers, or other persons who conduct business on the entity's behalf, as well as affiliated entities, including, but not limited to, partnerships, limited liability companies, divisions, subsidiaries, holding companies.

List of Contractors That May Review Your Response

- Daston Corporation -  
Contract #68-S3-01-01  
Subcontractor to Daston Corporation is:  
Dynamac Corporation
- Tetra Tech EM, Inc. -  
Contract #68-S3-0002  
Subcontractor to Tetra Tech EM, Inc. is:  
Eagle Instruments, Inc.
- Ecology and Environment, Inc. -  
Contract #68-S3-0001  
Subcontractor to Ecology and  
Environment, Inc. is:  
S & S Engineers, Inc.
- IT Corporation - Contract #68-S3-00-06  
Subcontracts to IT Corporation are:  
Weavertown Environmental Group  
Environmental Restoration Company
- Earth Tech, Inc. - Contract #68-S3-00-07  
Subcontractors to Earth Tech, Inc. are:  
Industrial Marine Services, Inc.  
Cline Oil  
Hertz Equipment Rental
- Guardian Environmental Services, Inc. -  
Contract #68-S3-99-04
- ECG Industries, Inc. -  
Contract# 68-S3-99-05  
Subcontractor to ECG Industries, Inc. is:  
Earth Tech, Inc.
- Industrial Marine Services, Inc. -  
Contract #68-S3-99-06  
Subcontractors to Industrial Marine  
Services, Inc. are:  
Earth Tech, Inc.  
Engineering and Environment, Inc.
- Tetra Tech NUS Inc. -  
Contract #68-S6-3003  
Subcontractors to Tetra Tech NUS Inc.  
are:  
Gannett Fleming, Inc.  
Dynamic Corporation  
C. C. Johnson & Malhotra, P.C.
- CDM-Federal Programs Corporation -  
Contract #68-S7-3003  
Subcontractors to CDM-Federal  
Programs Corporation are:  
Tetra Tech EM, Inc.  
Robert Kimball & Associates  
PMA & Associates  
Horne Engineering  
Pacific Environmental Services
- Black and Veatch Waste Science and  
Technology Corporation/Tetra Tech,  
Inc. - Contract #68-S7-3002
- Universe Technologies -  
Contract #68-S3-99-02
- Tech Law, Inc. -  
Contract #68-W-00-108

List of Cooperative Agreements

- National Association of Hispanic  
Elderly - #CQ-822511
- AARP Foundation (Senior  
Environmental Employment) -  
#824021  
#823952